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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**NOTICE**  
AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST NEXT the LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA WILL OPEN AN OFFICE FOR HONGKONG at No. 8, PRINCE CENTRAL, in order to meet the demands of its increasing Membership. Renewal Payments, however, will be made as heretofore to Messrs. DOUGLAS LAUREN & CO. until further notice.  
H. H. MORSEY, Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.**  
The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place at 4.45 on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at the City Hall.  
A. H. BOTTENHEIM, Acting Hon. Sec.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**E. HING,**  
IRON, YELLOW METAL, COPPER, BRASS, & C. WORKS.  
No. 18, WING WOO STREET, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**NO. 3, CASTLE ROAD.**  
Apply to TSANG HON CHIO, Care of Messrs. BRADY & CO.'s Comptroller Office.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**NOTICE**  
NOSIA, and G. WILD DELL, Waiters and from 1st February, GODOWN No. 3, WILD DELL (immediately opposite).  
Apply to SANG KEE, 141, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned have received instructions from the Public Auctioneer to sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, 100, House Street, SUNDY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: DRAWING ROOM SUITE, WARDROBE with BEVELLED GLASS, BUREAU with GLASS, DRESSING TABLE with GLASS, DESKS, MARBLE TOP, and other articles. Also, a CHAIR, DINNER SERVICE, GLASS, WARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY, RUGS, CARPETS, etc., and two BICYCLES.  
Also, one BILLIARD TABLE, by Messrs. THURSTON & COMPANY, with BALLS, MARKING BOARD, CUES, etc., etc.  
Terms:—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**POSTPONEMENT.**  
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.  
The Company's Steamship "THALIS" Captain Downes, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at DAVHOE.  
For freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th January, 1900.

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Company's Steamship "DIAMANTE" Captain R. W. Almond, will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at 5 p.m.  
The destination of passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th January, 1900.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE ENTRIES for the forthcoming RACES will close on SATURDAY, 20th January instant, and on Saturday, 18th, as set out in the programme of the Meeting.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**NOTICE**  
A LARGE BOX was STOLEN this morning from the "HONGKONG" containing 14 Scripts of the Canton Land Property Company, some Clothing, etc.  
The finder will be rewarded by returning same to Office of Messrs. SHEWAN TOMES & CO. It is hereby notified that anyone attempting to negotiate the Script will be prosecuted.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**FOR SALE.**  
RUB MILL in perfect working order, capable of turning out 5,000 pounds of White Rice and 5,000 pounds of Cargo Rice with 20 per cent. Paddy in 24 hours. Large Warehouse, situated at Saigon.  
Apply to D. B. Care of Office of this Paper.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

## AUCTIONS.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
BY Order of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 19th January, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, 100, House Street, SEVERAL BICYCLES, TYPEWRITERS, One FILTER, One GRUBBS SAFE, One BLACKSMITHS FORGE, and a Quantity of MECHANICAL TOOLS, etc., etc., seized under warrant for Rent and Writ of Execution, the Property of B. MERTENHALER & CO., 1, Ice House Lane.  
Terms:—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 19th January, 1900, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 1, Duddell Street, A Quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including: COUPLE and SINGLE BRASS-MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEPS, TEAK WARDROBES with GLASS DOORS, TOILET TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS, EASY CHAIRS, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASSWARE, etc., etc.  
Also, 2 CAMERAS, with APPURTENANCES, and A LARGE QUANTITY of PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES.  
On View from Thursday, the 18th January. Catalogues will be issued.  
Terms:—As usual.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at 11 a.m., The well-known "STEAM LAUNCH 'WINDY' HOTEL," Length over 100 feet, beam 14 feet, depth 6 feet.  
Terms:—Cash on fall of hammer.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A VERY FINE COLLECTION of POSTAGE STAMPS.  
Catalogues now ready.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 22nd January, 1900, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, 100, House Street, THE VALUABLE PROPERTY known as "DUNNOTTAR," on Rural Building Lot No. 30, The Peak. For further particulars apply to Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, Auctioneers.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**BATAVIA QUININE AUCTIONS.**  
SAMPLES (in bottles of 1 oz. English) of the SUPPLY of QUININE to be sold by Auction at Batavia on 28th February, 1900, can be obtained on application to Messrs. MCNEILL & CO., Agents Batavia Quinine Manufacturers, Semarang. Messrs. MCNEILL, WATSON & CO., Batavia, Messrs. FRASER, EATON & CO., Surabaya, and the undersigned.  
Catalogues containing full particulars of lots and conditions of sale will be sent to applicants as soon as issued.  
Part of the Quinine to be sold as above fulfils the requirements of the Pharmacopoeia Neerlandica, Editio III, and part of the Pharmacopoeia Britanica.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**FOR SALE.**  
CHAMPAGNE, 1893 WHITE SWAL, \$38.00 ..... per case of 1 dozen quarts \$46.00 ..... per case of 3 dozen pints.  
B. D. KESSELMAN & CO.'S RED AND WHITE BORDEAUX WINES.  
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HONGKONG, 18th January, 1900.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**NOTICES OF FIRMS.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the Underigned in the Business of the Hongkong Daily Press CEASED as from the 1st December, 1899.  
G. C. COX.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.**  
We have this day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO., 12, Bonaparte Avenue, Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

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We have this day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO., 12, Bonaparte Avenue, Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

**WANTED.**  
ROOMS FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED, with or without Board, suitable for two Gentlemen. Offers, with full particulars, &c., Address: R. B., Care of Office of this Paper.  
Hongkong, 17th January, 1900.

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WANTED.  
Care of Office of this Paper.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899.

**A MIDDLE-SIZED GODOWN** from 1st January 1st.  
Reply to "T." Care of Office of this Paper.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1899.

**JOHN WALKER & SONS' FAMOUS KILMARNOCK WHISKY.**  
Fine Old Highland Whisky is shipped by CUTLER, PALMER & CO., and is obtainable in Hongkong at G. C. ANDERSON, 12, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 26th Jan. 1900.

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SHIP CHANDLERS, PROVISION, and COAL MERCHANTS, have for sale: Paints of all kinds, Engine Oil, English and Japanese Coal, &c. Just received a shipment of HAWKERS of 1st Patent CAST STEEL WIRE ROPES, IRON BEDS, INDICATOR and BELLS with No. 6 1/4, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 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Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. 69

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## SUPREME COURT

17th January

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

Before His Honour A. G. Wise  
(Puisne Judge).

**THE CHONG KI V. LEUNG WING KAI.**  
This was a claim for \$500, as damages for the infringement of the plaintiff's exclusive right to keep dross opium shops at Tung Lung Chan and Quarry Bay.

Mr. Mounsey (Messrs. Mounsey and Drutton) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Ewins for the defendant.

Mr. Mounsey read the petition and answer. The petition said the plaintiff was a dross opium dealer residing at No. 17, Irving Street, and the defendant was the dross opium farmer residing at No. 46, Queen's Road West. In or about the month of December, 1897, the defendant addressed a circular document in the nature of a circular note or letter to certain of the dross opium dealers and opium divan keepers in the colony, inviting them to tender for the right to deal in dross opium at the various villages in the colony, and in consequence of such circular note or letter the plaintiff was induced to, and, in fact, did, tender for the right to deal in dross opium in the villages of Tung Lung Chan and Quarry Bay. At the time of making his said tenders the plaintiff deposited with the defendant a sum of \$20 in respect of such tenders for each of the said villages. The amount of the plaintiff's tender in respect of Tung Lung Chan was \$136 per Chinese month and that for the village of Quarry Bay was \$43 per Chinese month. The plaintiff having submitted the highest tenders for the villages in question, such tenders were accepted by the defendant for a term of three years, and the plaintiff, after paying to the defendant the sum of \$139, being the balance due on the said tenders for rent for the first month of the said term, commenced the business of a dross opium dealer at Tung Lung Chan and Quarry Bay. On or about the 15th day of October, 1899, the defendant, contrary to all usage and custom, and in violation of the rights of the plaintiff under such license, opened a dross opium shop at Tung Lung Chan and commenced to carry on the business of a dross opium dealer in opposition to the plaintiff, whereby the plaintiff suffered considerable loss and damage in his business of a dross opium dealer. The plaintiff therefore prayed (1) that the Court would order and decree that the plaintiff had an exclusive right for the term of three years from the 1st March, 1898, to deal in dross opium at the villages of Tung Lung Chan and Quarry Bay; (2) that the defendant should pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$500 by way of damages; (3) and that the defendant do pay to the defendant his costs of suit and such other and further relief as the nature of the case might require. The answer stated that the defendant denied paragraph 1 of the petition except that the defendant admitted that he was the dross opium farmer. The defendant denied that the plaintiff ever tendered or was induced to tender for the right to deal in dross opium, or that any person was ever accepted for any place, but admitted the rest of paragraph 2. The defendant denied paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the petition.

The plaintiff, having given evidence, was cross-examined by Mr. Ewins. He said he had taken out several monthly licenses. The last license he took out was taken out after the writ in this suit was issued and had expired. He had not read the license.

Mr. Ewins read from the license a paragraph which stated that the license was for one month only and could be withdrawn at any time.

The plaintiff said he got his privilege by tender, and was to pay for his license monthly. The license was only good for a month, when he had to renew it. He had not renewed the last one. He admitted that the opium farmer had the right to issue as many licenses as he pleased in the city, but in the villages the number was limited.

His Lordship said it appeared from the license that the witness had only a license to sell dross opium. The only man who could sell exclusively was the opium farmer.

Mr. Mounsey said the defendant invited tenders for permission to open shops in certain places. Several tenders were sent in to him and he accepted the highest. The defendant's idea was to let out these tenders for the different villages in order to save himself trouble for the whole of the three years which he derived from the Government. The defendant took the highest tender and said, "Very well, I will accept you for three years, but I can only grant you a license for a month at a time. So long as you go on paying me this monthly tender I shall renew your license." The tender had only just expired.

His Lordship pointed out that there was nothing in the license to prevent the defendant granting a license for another shop. It was just the same as a license for the sale of arms.

The plaintiff said the circular which the defendant sent out said the tender was for the exclusive right. He had not the circular with him.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## OPERATIONS BY GENERAL FRENCH.

London, 1st January.

It seems the Boers vacated their entrenchments at Reusburg on Saturday evening to be out of General French having advanced within three miles.

General French kept them well on the move through Saturday and Sunday and on Monday morning attacked them at Colesberg, having brought up his infantry in waggon. His cavalry and horse artillery meanwhile had got round on their right flank and the Boers fled in disorder.

London, 2nd January.

Nothing official has yet been published regarding General French's victory and the British occupation of Colesberg, but two papers confirm the news.

The Daily Mail's despatch from Colesberg states that after two hours' artillery duel the Boers retired northward abandoning their Hotchkiss and several waggon of stores and that no losses were slight.

London, 1st January.

Later particulars concerning General French's operations come from Reusburg, dated Monday afternoon. General French continued to keep the enemy on the move and pressed their rear closely, both on Saturday and Sunday. Last night all the cavalry with artillery and infantry, the latter being in waggon, started their night march and at daybreak arrived within striking distance of the Boer forces. The infantry, with the field batteries, made a feint of attack on the front while the cavalry with the Royal Horse Artillery got round the enemy's right flank. The plan of campaign worked without a hitch. The Boers, who were utterly surprised, finding their retreat threatened, fled in a disorderly manner eastwards, leaving Colesberg in our hands.

London, 2nd January.

A telegram from Cape Town states that a force of 2,000 Boers are advancing against the position taken up by the British at Dordrecht and that the pickets have been driven in.

General French has followed up the advantage gained by threatening the communications of the Boer force at Reusburg by sending a strong force of cavalry and horse artillery to follow up the enemy. The force started on Saturday night and at daybreak on Sunday the artillery shelled the enemy's positions outside Colesberg. The Boers did not return the fire, the unexpected movement having demoralised the enemy.

Starkentoom, 31st December.

Lieut. Milford was cut off owing to an incorrect report to Captain De Montmorency, who was led to believe all were obeying the order to retire. The error was discovered too late the same evening. In the morning a very pretty fight occurred. Captain Goldsworthy succeeded in reaching the eastern end of the plateau under the Boer position while Captain De Montmorency and scouts mounted the southern cliff. The Boers were now pressing Milford heavily, whose ammunition was failing, but on reinforcements appearing the Boers fled and contented themselves with long range firing from the hills. The party being rescued and our front cleared our guns opened, the enemy replying ineffectually, though the shells burst on percussion not falling dead. Our slight loss was due to the enemy's poor courage and bad shooting. The Boers vainly tried the white flag with Milford, following it with their usual volley. We killed two of the party, including the bearer of the flag.

The engagements yesterday and to-day are most creditable to our men and a distinct reverse to the Boers.

## THE GERMAN PRESS AND THE SEIZURE OF A TRANSPORT.

London, 31st December.

The Berlin newspapers are somewhat nettled by the British capture of the German steamer *Jungesrahl* at Delagoa Bay, but they realise that the question is purely a technical one. The German warships *Condor* and *Schwalbe* are en route to Delagoa Bay.

London, 31st December.

The German officers arrested on the steamer *Jungesrahl* state that arms are being landed at Delagoa Bay for the Boers; also that a French liner lately brought in there two large guns from Madagascar consigned to the same destination.

Dr. Leyds denies this and says the imputation is only a pretext for occupying Delagoa Bay.

## MILITARY REFORMS NEEDED.

The Times, in a leading article, says that the war in South Africa has convinced the nation that far-reaching military reforms are very urgently needed.

## SCIRMISH AT DE AAR.

London, 31st December.

Two attempts were made to cut the railway at Victoria West, to the south of the De Aar by mounted Boers, who exchanged shots with the British pickets on the night of the 26th. One wrecker was detected and shot.

## AMERICAN PRO-BOND RESOLUTIONS.

London, 31st December.

The New York and Boston City Councils have adopted resolutions wishing success to the Boers.

## THE QUEEN'S XMAS MESSAGE.

London, 1st January.

The Queen has cabled the following to the General commanding the various Divisions at the Cape: "I wish you and all my brave soldiers a happy Xmas. May God protect and bless you all."

## PENIANS IN AMERICA.

The Penians have recommenced activity in the United States, and ridiculous statements are made to the effect that they are storing munitions of war to invade Canada.

## THE CHINESE MINISTER AT LIVERPOOL.

The Chinese Minister was introduced recently to the great crowd of business men in the Liverpool Exchange News Room, the Lord Mayor accompanying him. Mr. G. R. Samuel, chairman of the Exchange, said he was sure they would welcome the Minister as the representative of a great and friendly Empire with whom we had extensive commercial relations. He could assure his Excellency that the closer these relations became and the more trade they could do with China the better they would be pleased. The Chinese Minister said it had given him the greatest gratification to visit the second commercial city of the United Kingdom. There were now two highways connecting the East with the Far West. One was through the Suez Canal and the other was through the gate of Liverpool by the Canadian-Pacific line. Through that gate they could save two or three days in comparison with the Canal journey, and he had no doubt that they were now trying to still further increase the speed of their liners, which were floating towns, and to still further shorten the journey. They would thus bring two Empires—one the greatest, most powerful, and prosperous of the Western Empires, and the other the most ancient Empire in the East—more closely together. Liverpool was a household word in China. It was just as well known in China as London itself, and he could scarcely realize the magnitude of their commercial importance without paying a visit to that Exchange. His industrial tour throughout the kingdom had the object of bringing the producers and the consumers more closely together, and he hoped that his effort would enlist their sympathy and support. He had the greatest respect and admiration for her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and he asked them to be so good as to join with him in giving three most hearty cheers for Her Majesty. Enthusiastic cheers were given for the Queen and also for the Emperor of China and his Minister. The entire company then sang "God Save the Queen." The Chinese Minister was last night the guest of the Lord Mayor at a banquet at the Town-hall. The toasts of the Queen and Emperor of China having been honoured, the Lord Mayor gave that of "The Trade and Prosperity of the Chinese Empire." His Excellency, in responding, said that the present Government of China was extremely anxious to introduce proper measures of reform, but they must have patience, remembering that Rome was not built in one day. In the century which was about to open he trusted that the trading relation between Great Britain and China would be developed to their fullest extent.

## DISCIPLINE OF JAPANESE VESSELS.

## A NEW YEAR'S DAY INCIDENT.

When a few days out from Honolulu, on New Year's Day, the firemen on board the *America-Maru*, in order to celebrate the day, tossed several European engineers in a blanket. Everything was done in a good-natured way, reports the *Japan Herald*, till they came to Mr. Seavers, the chief engineer. Evidently, by preconcerted action, they failed to catch him. Mr. Seavers fell on deck, but luckily, by using his hands to advantage, did not hurt himself. The second engineer tried to interfere, but had to desist, as the coolies were going for him. Later on the firemen came on deck armed with bottles, iron bars, etc., and threatened the second engineer, who, through the good advice of Captain Going, was prevented from striking the men. Later on again one of the coolies tried to attack the first engineer, but he was put in irons. As in the *Tuho-Maru* occurrence, this excited the rest of the gang, who made disturbances, till finally the captain liberated the man on promise that he would behave himself. The matter has been reported to the head office of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha in Tokyo. —*Kobe Chronicle*.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The artificial production of cold has reached its great apex in Munich, where refrigeration by the passage of gas from high to low pressure was begun in 1881, and has since found so many applications that the industry has become second only to that of brewing. In the cold air storage building the most complete yet erected, the temperature of the cells is kept at 3° C. (37.4 deg. F.) the air containing 60 to 70 per cent. of moisture. These are the chief industrial and scientific uses of the low temperature; manufacture of ice in the brewing industry; preservation of meat and other food; preservation of anatomical specimens in the morgues; arrestation of the development of the silk cocoon; arrestation of the growth of bulbs (making them independent of their customary flowering season); in the preparation of explosives; in the preparation of mixtures rich in oxygen; in the manufacture of ozone; in the testing of meteorological instruments and in scientific research generally.

In photographing wood-sections without a lens, Herr Fomen places a piece of tinfoil on one side of the section and the film surface of sheet of bromide paper against the other side. A good impression—showing clearly the rings and rays of the wood—is produced in about half a minute, when a metallic point negatively charged by an influence machine is brought within about two inches of the paper. It is explained that the paper becomes negatively charged, and a photographically active glowlight is produced between it and the wood. It is proposed to try this method for copying drawings and other purposes.

The Arctic Ocean, says Nansen, is a kind of lagoon separated from the Atlantic by a submarine ridge, stretching from Spitzbergen to Greenland. To this ridge is due a curious condition. The Arctic is covered with a layer of slightly salt water from the Siberian rivers and Bering Strait and under this is the normally salt Gulf Stream water. If the two layers were mixed the average temperature would fall, but this average would not be as cold as the surface layer. This accounts for the enormous formation of polar ice.

Cellulose, the fibrous base of plant structure so familiar in our paper and cotton, has long had its great usefulness extended by impregnation with gypsum, resin and other substances, or covering with impervious varnishes. More recent products into which it is transformed by chemical destruction of the cell itself are listed by P. Ferroczi. Several kinds of parchment paper are produced, resembling true parchment from animal skins, by plunging unried paper

in strong sulphuric acid, then frothing from excess of acid by washing and neutralization. 2. Sulphito-cellulose, prepared by treatment with acid sulphite of calcium or magnesium became thirty years ago the most important substance in paper manufacture. When saturated for a long time in a pulping machine it yields material for a cheap parchment paper, which in thin transparent sheets is known as "pergamyn," and is used for packing perishable articles. 3. By long trituration of sulphite cellulose, destroying completely the textile fibres and spontaneous evaporation of the pulp, blocks of amorphous cellulose are obtained. This material, called "cellulith," when freed from air by boiling or steaming, can be worked like horn or bone, resists the action of alcohol, petroleum, fats and oils, and is fairly elastic. 4. Solutions of chloride of zinc and ammoniacal oxide of copper, like sulphuric acid, transform cellulose into an amorphous mass. When, after treatment, this mass is exposed to wind and rain for some weeks, it is completely changed into hydro-cellulose, and is known as "vulcanized fiber." It is made in two varieties, the flexible and the hard. It has been made in sheets in the United States since 1878, and is now formed into tubes, rods, cog wheels, etc., and used to replace rubber and leather. 5. Treatment of cellulose with sulphuric and nitric acids yields nitrocellulose. This is the starting point of the high explosives, and with camphor is changed into collodion which has very varied applications. 6. English makers are turning out an imitation leather, called "pegamoid." This is a mixture of cotton and paper covered with a secret composition, supposed to be celluloid, with some oil, and is used for trunks, curtains, etc.

Leakage from steam pipes is believed to have been greatly underestimated, tests by Mr. E. S. Hale having indicated the following proportions of loss: In mills, 5 to 15 per cent; electric plants, 24 per cent; steamships, 14 to 10 per cent; waterworks, 24 per cent.

Detonations heard at about the time of the Umbria-Marches earthquake of Dec. 18, 1897, have been made a subject of study by Prof. A. Issel, an Italian seismologist. These detonations were quite distinct from the ordinary earthquake sound and were more or less prolonged crashes, resembling the boom of thunder or the report of heavy guns in the distance. Sometimes they were isolated, at other times following one another at brief intervals. To many persons the crashes seemed to come from Monte Nerone, where the epicentre of the earthquake was situated. Similar sounds are frequently heard by inhabitants of the middle Apennine region, to whom they are known by the name of "Bombio," and, as they are very often closely connected with earthquakes, it is concluded that they are mostly due to causes within the earth. These mysterious boomings are of the kind known in other places as "Barical Guns," "Mist-Poofers," etc.

Interesting and beautiful effects of the well-known etching of glass by fluorine acid have been reported by Mr. C. E. Benham, of Colchester, Eng. Various salts are crystallized in a thin layer on glass which is well warmed to prevent the crystals from dissolving, and the glass is then exposed to the vapor for three to five minutes. The microscopic forms of the crystals are accurately reproduced on the glass.

The power station at Pont l'Abbe, Finisterre, France, utilizes the tide for fourteen hours a day, the total fall being seven feet and a half, generating eighty horse-power. The water at flood tide flows through a canal two miles and a half long to a pond returning to the sea at ebb tide.

Coldness of the feet from tea-drinking, an effect sometimes observed, is explained by Prof. Hutchinson, F.R.S., as probably due to contraction of the arteries. On one lady tea-drinker the feet were not only cold but were wet with perspiration.

The calamander tree of Ceylon, allied to the ebony family, and represented by only 83 specimens, is credited with the very rarest wood. The tree is carefully protected.

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